

Mission statement

The Cave Research Foundation is

- confederation of projects in cave research, interpretation, and management
 - national organization able to identify and address cave-related issues of worldwide scope
- project-oriented cavers who support the mission of CRF

The mission of CRF is

- to facilitate cave research, interpretation, and management projects
- to form partnerships with land managers to protect, preserve, understand, and interpret caves -
- to promote the long term health of caves and cave ecosystems

CRF accomplishes this mission by

- conducting cave research and management projects
- providing guidance and information to cave researchers, interpreters, managers, and cavers outside CRF
- fostering positive relationships with land managers
- providing grants for cave research
- preparing and distributing publications

CRF's greatest assets are

- its people
- its reputation
- its experience
- its relationships
- its data

CRF maintains these assets by

- attracting talented people and motivating them with challenging work, positive role models, good caving, and a chance to learn about and contribute to cave research.
- maintaining high quality
- maintaining continuity
- fostering relationships
- archiving, disseminating, and interpreting data

CRF attracts new projects by

- nurturing responsible leaders who represent the organization
- being well-connected in the caving, scientific, and federal administrative communities
- maintaining a sound reputation for consistently performing high quality work providing a supportive environment for researchers (labor, facilities, positive relationships with land managers, encouragement to publish)

CRF Is governed by a Board of Directors whose function is to facilitate the activities of the various projects to serve as a clearing house of ideas and information to be custodians of the assets of the Foundation to identify and address cave-related issues of national concern to see our mission accomplished